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## News to Use: Upcoming Meetings and Events



### Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 20-27

EQC will join with other volunteers to clean up streambanks, illegal trash dumps, and roadsides as part of the state's first Commonwealth Cleanup Week to be held **March 20-27**. Most counties have planned an event, but if there is nothing scheduled citizens are encouraged to pick up litter or clean up a dump in their community. For more information contact your judge-executive or county solid waste coordinator or call the toll-free open dump hotline at 1-888-NO-DUMPS for more information.

### Big Sandy River Conference April 9-10

A tri-state conference, sponsored by officials in KY, W. VA and VA, will be held **April 9-10, 1999** at the Breaks Interstate Park. Tributaries of the Big Sandy River extend beyond KY's border into W. VA and VA. This will be the first organized attempt to bring together agencies, nonprofit and grassroot groups from the entire basin to discuss what needs to be done to improve the Big Sandy.



The conference will focus on describing problems, comparing efforts being done in the three states, and setting short-term priorities that need to be accomplished. An environmental summit will also be held on Saturday for citizen and grassroot groups throughout the basin. For more information check out the web site at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/bsr/> or call Ken Cooke at 800-928-0045, ext. 473.

### April 6 Public Hearing: Black Mountain Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition



Black Mountain, which boasts KY's highest peak at 4,139 feet, is the subject of a public hearing on **April 6**, Black Mountain Elementary School, Hwy 215, Kenvir, KY at 6:30 pm. The hearing is to receive comments on a petition which seeks to designate the area located above 3,000 feet elevation contour (approximately 12,200 acres) as unsuitable for surface coal mining.

The petition contains three allegations:

- \* that the area is fragile land based on potential adverse effects of mining on the biological integrity, aquatic resources, and aesthetics,
- \* that the area is historic land which would be affected by mining,
- \* that mining the area would pose a natural hazard.

A copy of the petition on electronic format without attachments is available on the web at <http://www.uky.edu/~rsilver/explain.htm>. Public comments can be presented at the hearing or be sent to the KY Department of Surface Mining prior to April 6. For more information about the hearing or to comment on the petition contact: Sara Sanders, Dept. Surface Mining, 502-564-2320.



### KY Farmers Direct Marketing Conference

The Commodity Growers Cooperative is sponsoring the KY Farmers Direct Marketing Conference, **March 23-24** in Frankfort at the Capital Plaza Hotel. The two-day event will focus on how Kentucky farmers can expand their markets through direct marketing, by adding value to products, and through cooperative efforts. Conference workshops will focus on issues such as aquaculture, internet marketing, agroforestry, and entrepreneurship training. Contact: Alason Duncan, 606-233-7845.

## MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

**March 18-19 - KY Water Well Certification Board** - Division of Water, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort. Contact: Vicki Ray, DOW, 502-564-3410, ext.555.

**March 23 & 24 - KY Farmers Direct Marketing Conference** - Sponsored by KY Growers Cooperative, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Frankfort. Contact: Allason Duncan, 606-233-7845

**March 23 & 24 - Enhancement of Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines: Technical Interactive Forum** - Drawbridge Inn & Conf. Ctr., Ft. Mitchell. Contact: Kimery Vories, OSM, 618-463-6463, ext.103.

**March 26 - 15th Annual Environmental Law Institute** - UK College of Law, Lexington. Contact: Todd Eberle, UK/CLE, 606-257-2921.

**March 28 - 42nd Annual Water & Wastewater Operators' Conference** - Executive Inn Rivermont, Owensboro. Contact: Lisa Detherage, Div. of Water, 502-564-3410.

**March 30-31 - Annual Business & Industry's Environmental Symposium** - Cincinnati Convention Ctr., Cincinnati. Contact: Libby Douglas, 614-229-7990.

**Master Logging Training Programs** - Bell Co.; **Apr. 7, 14 & 21**, Hopkins Co.; and **Apr. 8, 15 & 22**, Hardin Co. Contact: KY Master Logger Office, 800-859-6006.

**April 9-10 - Big Sandy River Basin Conference** - Breaks Interstate Park, Elkhorn City. Contact: Ken Cooke, Div. of Water, 502-564-3410.

**April 11-14 - Nat' l Conference on Environmental Decision Making** - Univ. of Tenn. Conference Ctr., Knoxville, TN. Contact: 423-974-3939 or ([www.ncedr.org](http://www.ncedr.org)).

**April 20-21 - Surface Subsidence Caused by Underground Mining** - Mining & Mineral Resources Bldg., UK, Lexington. Contact: Geaunita Caylor, 606-257-2820.

**Petroleum Storage Tank Env'l Assurance Fund Public Information Sessions** - **April 21**, University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green; and **July 21**, Executive Inn West, Louisville. Contact: Nancy Tanner, 502-564-5981.

**April 22 - Kentucky Works: Earth Day '99** - KY Fair & Exposition Ctr., Louisville. Contact: Rebeckah Freeman, KY Farm Bureau, 502-495-7731.

**April 24 - 5th Annual Sierra Club President's Dinner** - Holiday Inn, Florence. Contact: Susan Patton, 606-356-8582.

**May 11-13 - 37th Annual KY Coal Utilization Conference** - Carnahan Conf. Ctr., Lexington. Contact: Geaunita Caylor, 606-257-2820.

**May 15-22 - Nat'l River Cleanup Week** - Sponsored by America Outdoors. Contact: Robin Brown, 423-558-3595 or ([www.americaoutdoors.org](http://www.americaoutdoors.org)).

## PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS

### KY Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Notices

**\*Bituminous Resources, Inc.**, Madisonville (Hopkins Co.) - Proposes to modify the liner design of the Western KY Regional Landfill by using a soil barrier and Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GSL) instead of Deep Dynamic Compaction for construction of subgrade. Also proposed is a name change to Hopkins County Regional Landfill.

### KY Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

**\*Newport Steel Corp., Newport (Campbell Co.)** - NREPC has made a tentative decision to approve the hazardous waste closure plan submitted to address removal of Cesium-137, decontamination of equipment and structures, and closure sampling. **Public Comment** is due by **April 7**.

**\*LWD Shar-Cal Facility, Calvert City (Marshall Co.)** - NREPC has issued a Public Notice announcing the receipt on Feb. 18 of a Hazardous Waste Part B Permit application for the storage and treatment of 300,000 tons of hazardous waste annually.

Contact: Michael Welch, Hazardous Waste Branch, 502-564-6716.

### KY Division of Water - KPDES Water Permit Notices

**\*Berea Sewer Commission (Madison Co.)** - a modification to the pretreatment program for its publicly owned treatment works that will result in changes to its local discharge limitations. The Division of Water has made a preliminary determination that this modification meets requirements. **Public Comment** is due by **April 5**. (PT99-003)

**\*Campbellsville Wastewater Treatment Plant (Taylor Co.)** - a modification to an existing municipal discharge to remove monitoring requirements for color and chloride due to elimination of a significant industrial contribution of these pollutants. (KPDES 00544377)

**\*29 Water Discharge Permit Issuances/Reissuances** - (Public Notice 1999 5-8). Contact: Judy Ziegler, 502-564-3410, ext. 465.

### U.S. EPA Underground Injection Wells - Notices

**\*Northland Operating Co., Meade Co. (KU99UIC003)** - notice of proposed issuance of underground injection control permit.

For all the above notices contact William Mann, US EPA, Groundwater/Drinking Water Branch at 404-562-9429, ext. 29452.

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Environmental Quality Commission  
Meeting Announcement

## EQC Public Meeting

March 25, 1999

Room 327, State Capitol, Frankfort

- 10:00 am Open Meeting  
10:10 am Review Proposed Air Regulations  
10:30 am Review Black Mountain Lands  
Unsuitable for Mining Petition  
\* Aerial video of Black Mountain  
\* Tom FitzGerald, KY Resources Council  
\* Bill Caylor, KY Coal Association  
11:45 am Other Business  
12 noon Adjourn  
12-1:00 pm Lunch  
1-3:00 pm EQC Cleanup of Glenn's Creek Road as  
part of the Commonwealth Cleanup Week

### Upcoming EQC Meetings

- April 22 EQC Earth Day Awards Ceremony  
Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort

*All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters, and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPPER CUMBERLAND RIVER WATERSHED WATCH



Volunteers are needed to help monitor the condition of the Upper Cumberland River and its tributaries. The project area includes the east Kentucky communities of Harlan, Pineville, McKee, London, Somers, Jamestown, Burkesville, Celina, Albany, Monticello, Whitley City, Onieda, Williamsburg, Middlesboro, Mount Vernon, and Jelico. If you live near a stream or are interested in protecting the waterways in your community call the Kentucky Water Watch at 800-928-0045, ext. 473 to learn more about how you can help or visit the web site at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/watch/uc.htm>.

### FEDERAL NOTICES

**\*McCreary Co. Federal Correctional Facility: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)-** The Draft EIS studies potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of either a new minimum-security, a medium-security, and a high-security correctional facility. **Public Comment** is due by **April 19**. Contact James B. Jones, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 202-307-3230.

### GRANTS

**\*Local Acid Mine Drainage Reclamation Projects-** The federal Office of Surface Mining is requesting applications from not-for-profit organizations for funding local acid mine drainage reclamation projects as part of the Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program. Awards will range between \$5,000 and \$80,000. Applications will be accepted until June 1. Contact: Dave Beam, 606-233-2896.

**\*National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment, and Economics (NICE<sup>3</sup>) Grants-** Applications are being accepted by the KY Division of Energy for the federal Industrial Grant Program. Grants will be awarded to industries that demonstrate new technologies to prevent pollution, improve energy efficiency, identify barriers to industrial pollution prevention techniques, and develop and implement strategies to overcome these barriers. Contact Greg Filburn, KY DOE, at 502-564-7192.

### PUBLICATIONS

**\*1999 Training Manual for Water Treatment, Water Distribution and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators** - Information about the certification and recertification processes for operators of water treatment plants, water distribution service, and wastewater treatment plants. Contact: Melissa Brothers, Div. of Water, 502-564-3410 or see web site (<http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/trnrgcat.htm>).

**\*Office of Surface Mining's (OSM) 16th Annual Evaluation Summary Report for the Regulatory & Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Programs Administered by the Commonwealth** - This report examines Kentucky's regulatory performance in meeting the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Contact Tom Harrel, 606-233-2457.

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### Public Notices Continued - from front page

#### KY Division for Air Quality - Notices

- \*Raylov**, Morganfield (Union Co.) - Title V operating permit for remanufacturer of auto parts. (log# F481)  
**\*General Shale Products**, Corbin (Whitley Co.) - Title V operating permit for manufacturer of clay products. (log# F423)  
**\*Air Products & Chemicals**, Calvert City (Marshall Co.) - Federally enforceable construction/operating permit for an electrical cogeneration plant. (log# F806)  
**\*American Sunroof Co.**, Bowling Green (Warren Co.) - Title V operating permit for a manufacturer of fiberglass auto tops. (log# F527)  
**\*Trane Co.**, Lexington (Fayette Co.) - Conditional major source construction/operating permit for new paint booths. (log# F822)  
**\*World Color Book Services**, Versailles (Woodford Co.) - Conditional major source operating permit for book printing and binding processes. (log# F010)  
**\*Gallatin Steel Corp.**, Warsaw (Gallatin Co.) - Prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) construction/operating permit. (log# F690)  
**\*Jim Beam Brands Co.**, Frankfort (Franklin Co.) - Title V operating permit for distillery. (log# F461)

### PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS

**Air Quality-** New administrative regulations regarding emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants (401 KAR 57:002, 63:002), performance standards (401 KAR 60:005) and repeal of 401 KAR 57:015, et al. to incorporate NSPS and NESHAP standards by reference (401 KAR 57:019). Contact: Mille Ennis, Div. for Air Quality, 502-573-3382.

**Pollution Control Standards for Wastewater Discharges to the Ohio River** - Triennial review of Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission water standards. Public hearings to be held **April 27** - Wheeling W. VA, **April 28** - Portsmouth OH, **May 4** - Louisville KY, **May 5** - Evansville, IN. Comments due June 30. Contact: Tom Erlandso, 513-231-7719.



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**Report Hazardous Waste Spills**  
During 1998, the Environment Response Team (ERT) recorded a 5% increase in the number of hazardous waste spills reported. This is due to increased public awareness of the threat spills pose to the environment. Reporting is essential to proper containment and clean up of hazardous waste spills. To notify ERT of a spill, call 1-800-928-2380.



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